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G Raghuram named IIMB director

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G Raghuram will head IIM Bangalore as its new director. The post had remained vacant for close to a year.

He is currently professor and chairperson of the Public Systems Group at the Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad (IIMA).

His name was approved by the appointments committee of the union cabinet, headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Sushil Vachani, his predecessor, demitted office on April 1 last year, two months after he had resigned. The committee also chose heads for nine other IIMs, filling up all top vacancies, according to a notification from the department of personnel and training.

First woman chief

Neelu Rohmetra, rector of the Kathua campus and director of the International Centre for Cross-Cultural Research and Human Resource Management at University of Jammu, will be the director of IIM Sirmaur. She is set to be the first woman to hold the director's post at any of the 20 premier B-schools. L S Murty, professor of production and operations management at IIM-Bangalore, has been appointed director of IIM Nagpur.

Ganeshan Kannabiran, Chandrasekhar Mylavaram and Bhimaraya Metri have been named directors of IIMs in Bodhgaya, Vishakapatnam and Thiruchirapalli respectively.

Mahadev Prasad Jaiswal (Sambalpur), Bharat Bhasker (Raipur), Deeraj Sharma (Rohtak) and Shailendra Singh (Ranchi) are the other IIM director nominees.

Expert in logistics

G Raghuram, a B Tech from IIT-Madras and an alumnus of IIMA, has been teaching at IIMA since 1985. He served as dean (faculty) at IIMA from September 2013 to December 2015.

He has also served as vice-chancellor of the Indian Maritime University, Kochi, from July 2012 to March 2013.

He was the Indian Railways Chair professor in Rail Transport and Infrastructure Management from January 2008 to August 2010.

Raghuram specialises in infrastructure and transport systems, and logistics and supply chain management. He has written 155 case studies, and co-authored six books.

He was conferred the 'Academician of the Year' award by the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport in 2012.

Raghuram has wide teaching experience and is visiting professor at universities in the US, Canada, Yugoslavia, Singapore, and the UAE.

He had been a member of the Global Future Council, World Economic Forum, since 2016. He has served on various government policy making and advisory committees.